

September 2017 Bear Clause
Laurentian Regional High School

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To: All Parents and Students of LRHS,

Welcome to a new school year at Laurentian Regional High school. This marks the first edition of the Principal's Newsletter the "Bear Clause" for 2017-18. The Bear Clause is an integral part of the communication link between home and school. The Bear Clause contains valuable information such as exam schedules, parent nights, late day bus schedules, ECA info, cultural activities, Governing Board news and Parent Participation Organization (PPO) information and much, much more.

The Bear Clause is sent via e-mail during the school year. Remember, if you change your email, please e-mail Nancy Boyd at nboyd@swlauriersb.qc.ca with your new e-mail address. The Bear Clause and monthly calendars will be posted on our website at lrhs.schoolac.ca.

On Thursday, **Level 1 students** reported to the gymnasium where they were welcomed to LRHS and introduced to their teachers and classmates.

A combination lock (included in the school fees) was on their locker. Your child's locker number is indicated on their class schedule. Level 1 students will receive an Agenda within the next week, which is also included in the school fees.

All students received an envelope that included: 2 class schedules, forms, that need to be read, signed and returned. **It is imperative that these forms be returned.** Also, within the next week, all parents will be sent the *Student Handbook*, via e-mail.

The Code of Conduct is attached.

I would urge all parents to familiarize themselves with the information contained in our handbook as there have been a number of changes this year. Teachers will advise students as to what school supplies are required. However, the purchase of paper, pencils, pens, calculator, geometry set is recommended.

We are looking forward to a new school year!
Christina Shousha, Principal / Tammy Noble, A/V-Principal

Forms - Please complete and return to the school office!

The following 4 forms (3 forms for students of Secondary 1 & 2) need to be completed and returned to school. They will be distributed to students the first day of school.

Health Record (White color)

Please complete this form for your child and return it as soon as possible. This information is vital for the safety and protection of your child in the event of an emergency.

Code of Conduct (Dark yellow)

Return the signature page only.

Permission to Leave the Campus (Green color)

For senior students only (levels 3-5) a list will be composed of those students who have parental permission to leave the campus (**during lunchtime only**). Student supervisors will be checking to ensure that only those students who have permission to leave the campus are able to do so.

During exam time, this does **NOT** permit students to leave the property after their exams and/or on special activity days.

Permission to Publish Documents on the World Wide Web & Year book (blue - **2 sided form**)

Please complete this form for your child if you do or do not give permission for information/pictures to be published on the world wide **web and in our yearbook**.

Permission to use Computers

Students & parents must sign
the Student User Agreement &
Parent Consent forms



School Bus Transportation

School bus transportation (routes and schedules) is under the jurisdiction of the SWLSB and handled entirely at the board office. Parents will have access through the SWLSB website at www.swlauriersb.qc.ca by clicking on the "Back to School Transportation 2017-18" button as illustrated below. Our goal is to allow parents to have the necessary information related to transportation quickly and at all times during the school year. Parents will need the following to access the information:

- 1) **Student file number:** 7 digit number on the report card
- 2) **Your home postal code**
- 3) **Parent/Guardian e-mail address**

It is important that your child's school has your **accurate e-mail address** as well as all updated information relevant to your child's profile (phone numbers, home address, guardian, custody, etc.) to ensure you receive all communications sent to parents.

Please contact your child's school for any updates and modifications, if required.

Any other relevant information regarding transportation will be posted on the website during the course of the school year. If you have any questions, contact the School Organization & Transportation Services at: 450-621-5600.



Annual Golf Tournament - Saturday, September 23rd

The annual LRHS Golf Tournament will take place on September 23rd at the St. Andrews Golf Club. To reserve your foursome, please contact Melanie Bujold at mbujold@swlauriersb.qc.ca. Tickets for golf and steak bbq dinner are \$95 each. Tickets for the dinner only are \$25 each. We are also looking for volunteers as well as donations for prizes. For further information or to offer your time, please call the school office. We are counting on your support! **Early bird special for golf and supper is 85\$ until September 8th.**



Important dates to mark on your calendar!

- Tuesday, September 19th** - Photo day
- Thursday, September 21st** - General Assembly/ Curriculum Night. The General Assembly will start at 6:30pm in the auditorium and then teachers will be available for curriculum information from 7-9pm.
- Friday, September 22nd** - Ped day for LRHS & LES
- Saturday, September 23rd** - Annual Golf Tournament
- Friday, October 13th** - School Fees deadline. School fees can be paid on-line!

Dress Code

All headwear is prohibited during school time. Hats, headbands, hoods, bandanas, and head scarves are to be removed and left in student lockers with the exception of attire pertaining to religious beliefs.

Unauthorized headwear will be confiscated if worn inside the building. Headwear will be permitted outside only during break times and outdoor Phys. Ed. classes.

Shorts and skirts that are shorter than mid-thigh are not permitted at school.

Tops that are low cut in the front or back, or that show midriff are not permitted at school.

Undergarments must be covered by clothing and must not be visible.

Sheer clothing may only be worn if over an opaque article of clothing that respects the above mentioned criteria.

Any piece of clothing which portrays any message of hate, intolerance, discrimination, violence, sexuality, chauvinism, cruelty, weaponry, or substance abuse will not be permitted.

School Photographs

School photographs for ID cards and the Yearbook will be taken on Tuesday, September 19th in the lower activity area. There is no obligation to purchase a photo package.



BUS NOTES:

If a student would like to take a different bus or disembark at a different location, parents **MUST** send in a written note asking for permission. Only those bus notes that have been received at the office **BEFORE 12:30pm** will be considered.





SCHOOL FEES – 2017-18 – On-line Payment available!

The LRHS Governing Board approved the following fee structure for 2017-18 that is **compulsory for all students**:

Consumables Fee:

- ✦ \$50.00 for consumables such as printing

Supervision Fee

- ✦ \$75.00 per student is charged to cover the cost of supervision at recess and lunch.

School fees are an integral part of our school budget. They serve to pay for student supervision, workbooks, printing, option courses and certain school activities. Payment of school fees is mandatory. Fees can be paid by cheque to SWLSB, by cash or on-line. We request that all payments be made prior to October 13th, 2017.

If you require a payment plan, please contact Danielle Deguire (extension: 8416) to make arrangements. If preferred:

Monthly - \$40/month OR weekly (i.e. \$240 from September - March is less than \$10 per week)

Please note that as of October 13th, 2017 students who still have a remaining balance on their school fees will NOT be permitted to participate in any after school activities or sports nor will they be permitted to participate in any school trips unless arrangements have been made.

LOCKS - Students must use locks provided by the school for reasons of safety and security.

\$10 (1 lock) All secondary I students and new students of other levels to LRHS are provided with one lock. The cost of the lock is included in their school fees. These locks become the property of the student and may be used each year. Each student is assigned a large locker for texts, clothes, etc. Gym lockers are available during gym class only. Locks must be removed from gym lockers after each class. If a student loses a lock, a second lock can be purchased at the school office.

LOCKERS

Students are to use only the locker and lock that has been assigned to them. Their locker number appears on their schedule. Students are not to change lockers without filling a request form that is to be signed by a parent and approved by administration. This form is available through our student supervisor. Our student supervisor will be making periodic locker checks to make sure that students keep the locker assigned to them.

AGENDAS

- ✦ \$8.00 - Students from Secondary I and II will be provided with an agenda to assist and improve organizational skills.

CELL PHONE POLICY:

Cell phones are to be put in student's locker at the first bell of any class. Phones **are not permitted** and are not to be seen or used during class time. An exception can be made at a teacher's discretion for the purpose of a planned activity that requires the use of a cell phones. Students need to be made aware of this in advance, and such activities are meant to be occasional only. Students who fail to comply with this policy will be subject to disciplinary measures based on the frequency of their infractions:
1st offence = Confiscation of the device until the end of the school day.

2nd offence= Student's device is confiscated for the day and student will get full lunch detention in SSC

3rd offence=1 day in SSC and a period of 1 week during which the student must submit his/her device(s) to the office at the beginning of the school day and collect them at the end of the day.

Students can expect to be approached by any staff member, should they be found in breach of this policy. They should likewise expect to be asked to relinquish their device, at which point it will be forwarded to administration. Refusal to do so will be considered insubordination, and will result in additional disciplinary measures.



LRHS is searching for its former graduates! We are on the verge of celebrating our 50th anniversary and we would like to be in touch with as many graduates as possible! Please contact Melanie Bujold at mbujold@swlauriersb.qc.ca with your name and which year you graduated. Please include your contact information should you wish to be contacted about our upcoming celebratory year!



LRHS is collecting can tabs for "Les Bons Dejeuners d'Argenteuil". A collection bin is located in the office. "Les Bons Dejeuners d'Argenteuil" is an organization that serves breakfasts to students in local elementary schools. The organization will sell these tabs to an aluminum company and then use the revenue to purchase breakfast foods for their programs.

Autism & Art in the Laurentians (AAL) is a free arts-based program for English speaking teens and young adults on the autism spectrum. A series of workshops followed by social activities for participants and families to get to know each other will be hosted at LRHS in Lachute. If you or anyone you know would be interested in this program, please have them contact Melanie Bujold at mbujold@swlauriersb.qc.ca or at 450 562-8571 ext 8449.



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